



# **OFFSHORE OPERATORS COMMITTEE**

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**RULES PROCESSING TEAM**

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Attention: Rules Processing Team (RPT)

**Subject: 30 CFR 250 68 FR; January 14, 2003**

Documents Incorporated by Reference  
American Petroleum Institute  
API RP 14F and API RP 14 FZ

Gentlemen:

The Offshore Operations Committee (OOC) appreciates the opportunity to provide written comments on the proposed rulemaking to incorporate by reference the Fourth Edition of the American Petroleum Institute's API 14F, "Recommended Practice for Design and Installation of Electrical Systems for Fixed and Floating Offshore Petroleum facilities for Unclassified and Class I, Division 1 and Division 2 Locations", and, API RP 14 FZ, "Recommended Practice for Design and Installations of Electrical Systems for Fixed and Floating Offshore Petroleum Facilities for Unclassified and Class I, Zone 0, Zone 1, and Zone 2 Locations", into Minerals Management Service (MMS) regulations.

The OOC is a trade organization of 113 members and associates that represents virtually all of the oil and gas production in the Gulf of Mexico (GOM). OOC comments are made without prejudice to any member's right to have or express different or opposing views.

The OOC commends the MMS for incorporating industry standards into its offshore operating regulations to ensure the use of the best available and safest technologies on the OCS. The incorporation of these two (2) documents ensures that MMS regulations remain current with present design and installation requirements and guidelines for electrical systems on offshore production facilities.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allen J. Verret".

Allen J. Verret  
Executive Director

